

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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Prepared By: Governmental Oversight and Productivity Committee

BILL: SB 1604

INTRODUCER: Senator Lawson

SUBJECT: Building Designations/FSU

DATE: March 30, 2006

REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	deMarsh-Mathues	Matthews	ED	Favorable
2.	McKay	Wilson	GO	Pre-meeting
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I. Summary:

This bill authorizes the naming of six buildings and facilities associated with Florida State University: the "John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion," the "Reubin O'D. Askew Student Life Center," the "Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall," the "John Thrasher Building," the "Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium," and the "JoAnne Graf Field."

The bill also authorizes Florida State University (FSU) to erect markers making the respective building designations.

This bill creates an undesignated section of Florida law. The Division of Statutory Revision will determine whether it is included in the Florida Statutes.

The act takes effect July 1, 2006.

II. Present Situation:

Section 267.062, F.S., requires approval in law before naming a state building or other facility for a living person. Pursuant to this requirement, if a university wishes to name a building or facility after a living person, the designation must be approved by the Legislature.

John M. McKay

A native Floridian, John McKay has dedicated his life to serving the people of the State of Florida. Senator McKay is a 1971 graduate of Florida State University who was elected to the State Senate in 1990 and served until 2002. He served as President of the Senate from 2000 to 2002. During his tenure in the Senate, Senator McKay received numerous awards for his leadership and dedication to improving life in Florida. Senator McKay was instrumental in

passing legislation that created the affiliation between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and Florida State University.

Reubin O'D. Askew

Reubin O'D. Askew, former student body president at FSU, was the thirty-seventh Governor of the State of Florida and served two terms in that capacity from 1971 to 1979. Born in Muscogee, Oklahoma, he moved to Pensacola in 1937. Following military service in the Army and Air Force, he graduated from FSU and received his law degree from the University of Florida. He served in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate, serving as President Pro Tempore from 1969 to 1970. Following his second term as governor, he was appointed by President Carter as the United States Trade Representative and upon departure from that office campaigned for the office of President of the United States in the Democratic Party primary. He returned to public service in a variety of faculty posts with state universities and for the past several years has occupied the Eminent Scholar Chair in the School of Public Administration and Policy named after him at Florida State University. Among his most notable accomplishments while serving as Governor of Florida was the advocacy for and implementation of the "Sunshine Amendment" to the State Constitution, which provides the constitutional basis for the statutory code of financial disclosure and ethical conduct for all public officers and employees.

Sherrill Williams Ragans

Sherrill Williams Ragans joined the FSU staff in 1959 and has served with distinction in a number of capacities with that institution over a career that culminated in her retirement in 2003. Originally a resident counselor, her career progressed to the positions of Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Residence Programs, and Director of University Housing. Following those offices she assumed the positions of Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Associate Vice President for Students Affairs, and Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. Ms. Ragans is the recipient of the Ross Oglesby Award for Outstanding Leadership, Service, and Scholarship; the President's Humanitarian of the Year Award; and the FSU Alumni Association Circle of Gold Recognition. She is an active and visible leader in her professional association work and has served in leadership roles with the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

John E. Thrasher

Mr. Thrasher received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1965 and a law degree with honors in 1972 from Florida State University. He served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives from 1992 to 2000, and was Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1998 to 2000. During his tenure in the Legislature, Mr. Thrasher received numerous commendations and awards for his dedication to the citizens of Florida. As an FSU alumnus and supporter, one of his most memorable legislative accomplishments was the creation of FSU's College of Medicine. Mr. Thrasher served as the first Chairman of the FSU Board of Trustees.

Mike Martin

Mike Martin is in his 27th season at the helm of the FSU baseball program. He has been involved in 1,675 of FSU's 2,286 all-time victories. In all 26 seasons, his teams have competed in NCAA Tournament play. Only one team in America has been to more consecutive NCAA Tournaments. Mr. Martin is one of nine coaches in the history of Division I baseball to record

1,300 wins. He is a four-time Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Coach of the Year and overall he has been named conference coach of the year 10 times.

JoAnne Graf

Dr. JoAnne Graf is in her 28th season as coach of the FSU softball program. She led her team to its 27th straight winning season and 18th NCAA Tournament berth in 2005. She has made seven Women's College World Series appearances and led her teams to 18 NCAA Tournaments (including 2005) in her 22 years of fastpitch competition at FSU. Dr. Graf is only the fourth Division I coach to record 1,000 NCAA wins. In 14 years of Atlantic Coast Conference play, Dr. Graf has guided her team to ten conference titles. Dr. Graf has a lifetime winning percentage of .768 and .762 in fastpitch competition. In 2005, the FSU President and the FSU Athletic Director renamed the softball field as the "JoAnne Graf Field at the Seminole Softball Complex."

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill provides for designating six buildings and facilities associated with Florida State University. The bill designates an entrance pavilion at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art at the Florida State University Center for Cultural Arts in Sarasota as the "John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion," the Student Life Building as the "Reubin O'D. Askew Student Life Center," a new residence hall complex as "Sherrill Williams Ragans Hall," the Education and Administration Building at the College of Medicine as the "John Thrasher Building," the baseball field as the "Mike Martin Field at Dick Howser Stadium," and the softball field as the "JoAnne Graf Field."

The bill authorizes FSU to erect markers designating the buildings to reflect the names.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

The university will incur the cost of erecting a suitable marker for the newly designated building. According to the Board of Governors, the cost for a marker can vary from \$500 to \$1,500, depending on the number of markers and the size, type, and materials used to construct the marker.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

Senate Bill 1616 also has a provision to designate the “John M. McKay Visitors' Pavilion.”

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VIII. Summary of Amendments:

None.

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